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Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Re: Continuation-in-Part (CIP) Patent Application based on Serial Number 10/633,265 – Edwin Becker et al

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MONITORING THE QUALITY OF LUBRICANT

Sir:

1. Please find enclosed herewith for filing: the specification, claims, abstract, combined declaration and power of attorney for continuing patent application, and drawings (2 figures) in support of the above-identified application.
2. It is respectfully requested that this application be granted the priority date of August 2, 2003, the filing date of the corresponding German application 102 35 612.2 and August 1, 2003, (which was already filed with the parent case) the filing date of the pending U.S. patent application 10/633,265.
3. Also enclosed herewith is an assignment from the inventors, Dr. Edwin Becker and Mark Zundel, to Flender Service GmbH, Südstrasse 111, D-44625 Herne, Germany, which you will kindly record at the Patent and Trademark Office.

4. I am enclosing my check in the amount of \$810.00* to cover the official fees of:

Basic fee	\$770.00
Additional fees:	
Total number of claims in excess of 20 (# claims times \$18.00)	\$ 00.00
Number of independent claims in excess of 3 (# claims times \$84.00)	\$ 00.00
Assignment recording fee	\$ 40.00
TOTAL FEE	<u>\$810.00</u>

Respectfully,

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* It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and any fees required or any shortages of fees required now or during the pendency of this application be charged to Deposit Account 02-1653.